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In the Application of )

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for: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR )  
REMOVING THE SLIDE OF A SEMI- )  
AUTOMATIC PISTOL )

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

SIR:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 25, 2002, the time for response extending to October 25, 2002, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the existing rejection in view of Applicants' amendments and remarks below.

**In the Claims:**

**Claim 1**

Please replace Claim 1 with the following: